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Dear Mr. Kothe:

Re: Canadian Application 908,818
Corres. to U. S. 312,879
Your Ref: 582-440 Canada
Philip Morris Inc. - Our Ref:
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This will acknowledge your letter of March 8th, 1968 enclosing instructions to prepare a response to the outstanding Official Action in the Canadian Patent Office.

We enclose herewith two copies of the response which we have now prepared and filed in the Patent Office.

We assume that you are in agreement with the Examiner's comment with respect to original claims 1, 2 and 3 particularly in view of the restricted claim which was allowed in the United States. For completeness, we have included the United States claim as claim 4 in the present application.

In view of the Examiner's rejection of the broad claims, and the deletion of claims 6, 7, 9 and 10, we wonder whether you wish to file a Divisional Application for the filter comprising a flavourant ion exchange resin or whether you are abandoning this aspect of the invention. If you wish to file a Divisional, we would remind you that it must be filed before the Parent case is issued to patent.

As soon as we hear anything further from the Patent Office, we will write to you again.

Yours very truly,

GOWLING, MacTAVISH, OSBORNE & HENDERSON

Per: R. G. Hicks

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